

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

The undersigned agree to implement the Cabarrus County Hazard Mitigation Plan within their municipalities or areas of responsibility.

Chairman, County Board of Commissioners

Date

County Manager, Cabarrus County

Date

Mayor, Town of Mt. Pleasant

Date

Mayor, Town of Harrisburg

Date

Mayor, Town of Midland

Date

Emergency Management Coordinator

Date

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Cabarrus County Hazard Mitigation Plan was produced through the joint efforts of the Cabarrus County Emergency Management Department, Commerce Department, with the assistance of the town governments of Mount Pleasant, Harrisburg, and Midland. The cities of Concord and Kannapolis are developing their own mitigation plans and are not included in the county plan.

This plan is a revision of the current Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is required to make the county eligible for federal and state public assistance funds in the event of an emergency situation.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan includes the efforts of the municipalities of Mount Pleasant, Harrisburg, and Midland as well. These areas are subject to the same hazards as the remainder of the county. While the county provides emergency management to these municipalities, their contributions to the planning and mitigation efforts are an essential part of the county plan. These efforts will be integrated with the county plan to ensure a comprehensive approach to hazard mitigation.

The basic plan outlines activities that can be implemented to reduce or eliminate exposure to natural hazards. The emphasis of basic plan is to reduce exposure to flood damages. While flooding is not a widespread hazard within Cabarrus County, it was identified as the natural hazard most likely to impact the greatest number of citizens and the greatest land area, as shown by the flooding in August, 2008. Flooding is also the only natural hazard where the area of impact can be predicted given the rainfall or severe weather event and the characteristics of the drainage basin. Thus, flood damage prevention has the most potential to reduce citizen exposure to natural hazards.

This plan identifies and analyzes all nine natural hazards that could impact Cabarrus County. The annexes to the plan cover hazard identification and analysis; an assessment of the County's vulnerability to natural hazards; an assessment of the County's capability to address natural hazards; and an evaluation of current County policies and ordinances that influence hazard mitigation planning.

The County will be implementing the identified hazard mitigation strategies to ensure that the public benefits from this planning effort. Through the implementation of this plan, all County and municipal leaders – elected and appointed boards and staff – will be promoting the public health, safety, and welfare.

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